

**REMARKS**

The amendments to claims 3-6, 8-9, 11-16, 18, and 21-23 remove multiple dependencies from the claims. The amendments were not made for reasons related to patentability, and the full range of equivalents for all of the elements of the amended claims, as well as for all of the other claims, should remain intact.

An Office Action responsive to all of the pending claims is hereby courteously solicited.

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